

### College Administrator Receives Position as LACC Assistant Dean

Leo N. Sirakides, Coordinator of Student Activities at Harbor College, this week was appointed acting assistant dean of the evening division of Los Angeles City College.

His post at Harbor College will be taken over by Mrs. Patricia Merriam, who has been assisting him in the student activity program.

Sirakides, who joined the Harbor faculty in 1956 as an instructor in the business division, has been active in student affairs for the past five years. In the spring semester he served as acting dean of student activities during the absence of Dr. Glenn Gooder.

Mrs. Merriam, 40 East-

### Sight Method of Reading To Solve Learning Problems

Why don't many children learn to read?

A child may have normal intelligence, 20-20 vision, and good hearing, and still not learn to read.

Toda's reading program is based on the sight method of learning to read. This program many times will include phonetic drill, but still the child with normal I.Q., 20-20 vision and good hearing may not learn.

Seventy-five per cent of the school population will learn by these methods. For this large majority the sight method is the very best, but for those who cannot learn by this method we must look further.

The sight method of reading requires the retina of the eye to pick up a stimulus. This image is then transferred into nerve impulses which travel the optic nerve to the back part of the brain. The occipital lobe of the brain receives the nerve impulses. Here it is interpreted and translated into a meaningful image.

If this pattern is completed without any distortion, then a child should learn to read by the sight method. Phonetics works much the same way, using the ear, ear drum, auditory nerve, and that section of the brain which receives and interprets our hearing.

If any of the foregoing processes do not perform correctly then a learning problem may exist. This could account for the child with normal intelligence that doesn't read.

There are many names for this difficulty. One name used is Neurologically Handicapped, this indicates that the nervous system has been injured. If the difficulty can be located and it is in the cortical area then it is sometimes called brain injury. The disorder might be referred to as a perceptual one.

Aphasia and autistic are other words used in describing these conditions. When a disorder is present then the child needs special education to help overcome his learning problems.

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CONSTRUCTION began Monday on Guaranty Bank's permanent structure south of Del Amo Shopping Center on Hawthorne and was marked with groundbreaking ceremonies. The building, scheduled to be completed March 1, will represent an investment of more than \$300,000. Guaranty Bank opened in Torrance in interim quarters in April and, due to community response, will be in its permanent structure less than a year later.

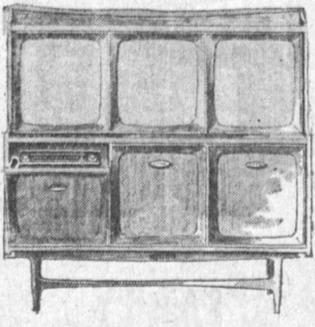
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### Season's End Puts Focus On Safe Motoring Habits

The end of summer may be the time to stow that straw hat, but it is no time to put away the safe driving habits which were observed during the traditional vacation season.

Fall is a popular time for families to take weekend motor trips, even after children return to school. Saturday football games attract thousands of persons. Cool weather and autumn's colorful panorama lure city dwellers into the rural countryside.

Highway remain busy despite the calendar and motorists should remember the rules of safety which they heeded during the summer months.

A valuable set of such rules appears in the current issue of Discovery Magazine, official publication of the Allstate Motor Club. The feature written by Stanley C. Lettas offers "Five Safe Conduct Passes" to highway driving.

The author warns of the danger of taking driving for granted. He calls routine the villain in the daily drama of traveling busy streets and highways and urges motorists to pay special attention to the job of driving when on a motor trip.

The magazine article stresses these points to remember:

1. Take your time. Be realistic about matching trip miles to the number of vacation days. A way to estimate the maximum one way distance you should travel from home is to multiply the number of vacation days by 100. If you're using toll roads and expressways you can stretch this distance farther.
2. Drive only when you're fit! Avoid tranquilizers, pep pills, and prolonged use of aspirin. If you're supposed to take medicine, ask your doctor before you drive to learn if it can have side effects that will hamper your driving.
3. 'Travel by day' There is no substitute for driving with natural visibility and during normal waking hours.
4. Share the road! One of the easiest ways to avoid incidents that can mar a trip is simply to cooperate with others. When other drivers make mistakes or get into trouble in traffic, help them out instead of adding to the conflict. Courtesy on the roadways pays big dividends in safety for all motorists concerned.
5. Keep your guard up! When encountering the speeders, crawlers, road

### Sons of Italy Benefit Dance

South Bay order of Sons of Italy, a part of the United Lodges of Southern California, will give a dinner-dance Saturday honoring Christopher Columbus discovering America.

Proceeds will go to City of Hope.

Event will be held at the Mayflower Ballroom 234 S. Hindry Ave., Inglewood. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. Music will be provided by Mike Ruggiero. There will be entertainment and special awards.

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